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1) IN A LETTER TO THE NEWSPAPER AKTUELT (SOCIAL

DEMOCRAT) PUBLISHED DECEMBER 17, PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN REITERATED DANISH COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON MARKET. JORGENSEN SAID HE SUPPORTED MORE BINDING COOPERATION AMONG EC COUNTRIES BUT DID NOT EXPECT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FULLY-INTEGRATED FEDERAL UNION. HE VISUALIZED THE POWER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AS RESTRICTED TO EXPENDITURE CONTROL AND BUDGET PLANNING AND TO WHAT HE CALLED AN "INSPIRATIONAL" ROLE.

2) HE STATED THAT THENECCESSARY SIMILARITY OF VIEWS WHICH DENMARK'S REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESS IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND IN THE DANISH FOLKETING CAN ONLY BE ASSURED BY THE ELECTION OF DANISH PARLIAMENTARIANS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. JORGENSEN NOTED THAT DENMARK ENTERED THE EEC WELL AWARE OF THE PROVISION IN THE ROME TREATY CALLING FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS. HE CONSEQUENTLY SUPPORTEDEVENTUAL DIRECT DANISH ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BUT STATED THAT THERE WERE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS INALL NINE COUNTRIES OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARIANS WHICH HE HOPED COULD BE OVERCOME.END UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMENT: JORGENSEN'S LETTER SUPPORTS THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN REFTEL THAT DANISH RESERVATIONS ON DIRECT ELECTIONS MAY EVAPORATE BEFORE THE FINAL ACTUAL ELECTIONS ARE HELD.
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